

suggestion to perform focus control with a different transfer function depending on whether or not seek is being performed. Accordingly, 1 and 3 are believed to be allowable.

Claims 2 and 4 were rejected as obvious over Yamada in view of Janssen U.S. Patent No. 4,037,252. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Neither reference nor the combination thereof renders the present claims obvious.

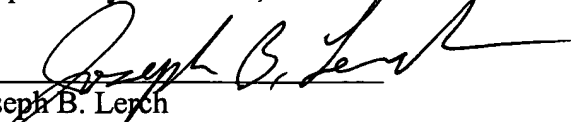
As was the case with Yamada, Janssen discloses nothing about performing focus control with different transfer functions, depending upon whether seek is or is not being performed. Accordingly, the combination of these two references would also not teach or suggest this feature. Claims 1 and 3 are therefore allowable over the combination of these references for the same reasons as stated above.

Claims 2 and 4 depended from allowable claims and are believed to be allowable on that basis.

Applicants attorney has made every effort to demonstrate that all of the claims are presently in condition for allowance. It is therefore earnestly requested that this application, as a whole, receive favorable reconsideration and that all of the claims be allowed as presently constituted. Should there remain any unanswered questions, the Examiner is requested to call the applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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